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**From:** Sarah Palin [govpalin@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 22, 2007 9:59 AM  
**To:** mike\_tibbles@gov.state.ak.us; John Bitney  
**Subject:** Fwd: Thank you for your support!

**Corey Rossi** <adcman@alaska.com> wrote:

From: "Corey Rossi" <adcman@alaska.com>  
To: <adcman@alaska.com>  
Subject: Thank you for your support!  
Date: Thu, 22 Feb 2007 09:17:44 -0900

To All:

Thank you for your gracious support of my efforts to serve as Alaska's Commissioner of Fish and Game, as well as your later support for me becoming Deputy Commissioner of Game. The overwhelming response from you and hundreds of others was both flattering and humbling.

As you are all aware, I have said from the beginning, that if the Governor desired to utilize my knowledge, skills, and abilities to assist with her "abundance management" agenda, I would give her my very best effort.

While I would have been quite honored by the opportunity to see the Governor's agenda through to fruition, the human dynamics of the selection process simply didn't work out that way. As most have probably heard by now, two long-time ADFG managers have been selected to fill the positions. The Governor selected Denby Lloyd for Commissioner, and Lloyd later selected Ken Taylor for Deputy Commissioner of Game. The Governor did not contact me regarding these selections, but I am confident she and her advisors did what they deemed best for the state and its fish and game resources.

I know that the choices made by the Governor and her staff are disappointing to those who had hoped to see more immediate evidence of the positive changes toward the management for abundance the Governor has promised. Nevertheless, from the beginning, all have agreed to work diligently to identify and correct the ADF&G policies associated with the failure to maintain our big game populations. Given that the Governor's chosen leadership now has that responsibility, our immediate task is to work constructively with them to attain the common goals we share with the Governor, even though the approach to success seems more difficult than many would have prescribed.

All are aware of the Governor's commitment to changes at ADF&G. Now that she has selected her leadership, perhaps all should postpone judgment until they have had an opportunity to see what it is the new leadership is proposing. Everyone is keenly aware that we will have yet another

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vulnerable crop of calves and lambs coming within the next couple of months. If the Governor's leaders are going to implement the sweeping changes for which all are so hopeful, it will be quite evident within the next few weeks.

Although our collective efforts have been taxing for all of us (and personally trying for me), the "silver lining" for me is the affirmation that the "Abundance Agenda" is alive and well in the hearts of Alaskans. In making the wonderful acquaintance of all of you, I have come to realize that this abundance vision (that the sportsmen and subsistence users hold so dear) is far bigger than I or any other potential appointee. Your voices have been heard, and I am more convinced than ever that this hope of a return to Constitutional resource management will one day be realized, though more likely because of your work than because my individual efforts.

Nonetheless, to the extent the Governor and ADF&G allow it, I will continue to work in any way I can to assist with the implementation of the abundance management vision. Unless the Governor proposes a more productive alternative, any further efforts on my part will come from my current position with USDA's Wildlife Services Program.

Again, I thank you all! Your passion for your principles and your commitment to constitutional management have been truly inspirational.

I apologize to any I may miss with this letter, but I only have email addresses for the 200 or so individuals who contacted me directly. To protect individual privacy, you have all been "blind cc'd" this communication. Please convey my appreciation to those within your acquaintance who were so supportive, yet may not receive this message because I do not have their email address.

Sincerely, Corey Rossi

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Food fight? Enjoy some healthy debate  
in the Yahoo! Answers Food & Drink Q&A.

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**From:** Anchorage Daily News [adn@nandomedia.com] on behalf of Palin [gov.sarah@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 22, 2007 7:37 AM  
**To:** Martha K Rutherford; Tom E Irwin; Meghan N Stapleton; Bruce F Anders; Balash; Joseph R (GOV); Sharon W Leighow  
**Subject:** Blocking economic development is not an honor

The following adn.com article was sent by:

Palin (gov.sarah@yahoo.com)

And Palin had this to say:

Note Brennen's VOT editorial.

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Blocking economic development is not an honor

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Alaska needs a new wildlife refuge like it needs a hole in the head. It already has 58 million acres of designated wilderness and another 90 million acres of parks, wildlife refuges, preserves and other conservation units.

That's out of a total land area of about 365 million acres - approximately 41 percent of Alaska's land area is largely locked away in the hands of government agencies of one kind or another.

The big rush is on by opponents of Pebble Mine, who would do anything to block development of one of the world's largest mineral deposits and foreclose thousands of jobs the mine could generate. Many of those jobs would go to the people

of Bristol Bay. Not those who visit in summer to fish; those who live in the area year-round.

You can read the full story online at:

<http://www.adn.com/opinion/voice/story/8661397p-8553139c.html>

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